

# THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAY 15, 1885

## THE AIR WE BREATHE.

The benefit sanitary science has conferred on the people of this half of the century is great, and will be greater in the future. The conviction is becoming more general that health depends upon obedience to nature's laws. The Health Wardens are slow in attending to their duties of course; but the next lot will be more faithful, energetic, and intelligent. But there is one case where as far as health is concerned, it seems to us while knowledge comes, wisdom lingers. This is the case of ventilation of public buildings, Churches, School Houses, Halls. Let any one open the door of a Sunday School Room, or of a Prayer Meeting Vestry after the services have been going on three quarters of an hour and he will very likely meet a breath strong and foul enough to stagger him. Let him take a seat in the Church, especially in the gallery, and if he can keep awake and come out without a headache he may know he is more fortunate than many of his fellow worshippers. The course of treatment of these buildings is said to be this: the air of the vestry, already polluted, is heated by the furnace and sent up for the congregation to breathe. The people take out whatever oxygen it contains; then it settles down to the vestry for the dear little Sunday School children to breathe. In the evening it is again heated and sent up for the congregation, then it settles down for another week. So it goes on month after month, summer and winter. There is plenty of pure air outside but how often during the week or on Sunday do you see the windows of the Church open? Is the Vestry ever ventilated? How careful the sexton is lest any breath from the outer world should enter the sacred precincts. Everybody knows, or professes to know, that vitiated air is void of vitalizing power and is also an active poison. When will the intelligence and spirit of the congregation force the pig-headed sextons to let a little of the pure air, so abundant all around, into the holy places where all things should be pure.

What is said here of Churches may be applied very generally to public halls and to many school houses. These physical sins are often committed in communities where the people consider themselves educated.

## PUBLIC SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

The Public Schools of this village held their semi-annual Examination on Thursday April 30th. A large number of parents and visitors was present. We were glad to note this, for it must be a source of gratification to the teachers to know that their labors are appreciated. The examinations, which passed in review before us, were highly satisfactory. The Primary and Intermediate Depts are in excellent working condition and reflect great credit upon the teachers of these grades. Prof. Caldwell and Mr. Haley were present and took part in the examinations. The Prof. in his remarks at the close of the exercises congratulated the section on having such diligent and efficient teachers. The attendance for the past term has been large—Registered 170, average 130, per centage 76. All the departments were in session the full time (117 days). We were also pleased to know that many gentlemen interested in our Common Schools, gave so freely to the prize list. Below is the Prize List.

- PRIMARY DEPARTMENT**  
Grace Patriquin, for Attendance Department and Recitations, awarded by Western Book & News Co.  
John Caldwell, for Attendance, Department and Recitations, by G. V. Rand.  
Willie Regan, for attendance, Department and Recitations, by J. W. Bars.  
Everett Brown, for Attendance, Department and Recitations, by Miss McKeen.  
Joseph Miner, for Good conduct, awarded by Geo. W. Abbott.
- INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT**  
Bell Patriquin, for Attendance Department and Recitations, by J. W. Bars.  
Bertie Quinn, for Attendance, Department and Recitations, by Miss Parsons.  
Nellie Murphy, for Attendance, Department and Recitations, by Miss Parsons.  
Maud Mumford, for Progress in Studies, awarded by Geo. W. Abbott.  
Laura Best, for Highest Average in Class Grading into the Advanced Department, awarded by the Principal.
- ADVANCED DEPARTMENT**  
Ella Blair, for Recitations, Department

and Attendance, by J. W. Bars.  
Edward Neary, for Attendance Recitations and Department, by J. L. Bishop.  
Mary Prat, for Department, Attendance and Recitations, by A. M. Hoare.  
Annie Caldwell, for Department Attendance and Recitations, by B. Witter.  
Theresa Farrell, for Department, Attendance and Recitations by J. L. Bishop.  
Mary Murphy, for Department, Attendance and Recitations, by Geo W Abbott.  
Pessie Abbott, for Regular Attendance awarded by J. W. Caldwell.  
Douglas Hemmeor, for Good Work, awarded by J. W. Caldwell.  
Lidia Halkenny, for Attendance Department and Recitations by J L Bishop.  
Willie Farrell, for Attendance, awarded by J. L. Bishop.  
The Schools have been carefully graded and have entered upon the duties of another term.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### UNCLE JOE'S LETTER.

MY ROLLICKING BOYS, AND LAUGHING GIRLS:

"Up, up, (double up) quick the sun is on high;" and it is time to be gardening. Yes gardening. Everyone of you (girls) should have a nice little flower-garden. 'Tis a shame for any girl who lives on this earth and has one square foot of earth, not to have a flower-garden! And the boys ought to help the girls get the flower-garden ready for planting, and also have a vegetable garden of their own. 'Tis a shame for any boy to show his nose on this earth, and not cultivate a patch of it. I know many boys who from a small patch of a garden soil four or five dollars worth of vegetables every year. So might you; try it.

But now there is another garden I want you to make. Make it the shape of a heart; large enough to contain at least the following shrubs and flowers. Make a nice mound bed about the centre, and a bed running all around the edge. Now begin and plant:—1, "Obedience;" a very fine plant, without which all your operations will be a failure, and without which nothing else that you plant will be a success. 'Tis hard to cultivate, but go at it. 2. Set out carefully a sprig of "Patience;" this stands the drought well. 3. A fine tree of "Honesty," or "Truthfulness;" a magnificent and rare plant. 4. A large piece of "Gentleness;" also a rare, fine plant. 5. A strong, fine growth of "Forgiveness;" rare and much needed. 'Tis said there is none genuine now to be had; but I think Mr. Rand, who keeps seeds, can tell you where to get it. 6. Put down a fine plant called "Hopefulness." And 7, close by, a tree of "Cheerfulness;" a most magnificent pair of shrubs. 8. If you can find any "Brotherly-kindness;" plant a good lot. 9. Put out a good stout tree of "Diligence." 10. Also a fine sprout of "Contentment." And right in the centre of the mound bed plant a large tree of "Charity" or "Love." You will find it very interesting tending these, and watching their development—budding, blossoming and fruiting. So will your friends! Some of them bear most wonderful fruit, and have most wonderful leaves and blossoms. But I would rather you would find out by experience than tell you. You will have to work much upon your knees. Don't be afraid of a little hardship, and toil. Keep the weeds well down, and the soil well stirred up. If you let these flowers die (and I'm afraid some of them are drooping now), you will have a crop of "Disobedience," "Dishonesty," "Falsehood," "Unkindness," "Discontent," "Despair," &c; &c., the fruit of which is poisonous and ends in death!

The tree of "Charity" or "Love" is said to be the most wonderful in the earth. The first seed fell down from Heaven. I have seen a few of them. They are more gorgeous than a snowball tree. Sometimes I believe the blossoms have been known to grow as large as well, just as large as you want them. The smell is such as scents the whole garden; and when one comes in from tending it, the scent is brought in as if you came from Lebanon or Paradise. It can be smelled for miles by people going past on the road. And the fruit is the true "Elixir Vitæ." If you eat it you will never get old nor die. Good-by.

UNCLE JOE.

### GASPEREAU LETTER.

To the Editors of the ACADIAN.  
GENTLEMEN,—As the time is near at hand that we may expect the annual visit of our friends, the alewives, to gladden the hearts and strengthen the stomachs of the inhabitants of this valley; and as the Dominion Government has been to considerable expense in placing the improved fish-ladders in the dam at the White Rock mills in order to facilitate their progress to their destination; and as I am somewhat interested in these matters: I thought a few remarks in the columns of your paper would be pardonable. Now if these ladders are efficient and there is sufficient seed yet remaining to again restock the river with this species of the finny tribe, it will be

a great source of gratification as well as revenue to the inhabitants of this locality. While we have some hopes that such may be the case, at the same time we have some reason to fear that unless a vigilant watch is kept that very few of those little fishes will ever succeed in gaining that secure rest that is promised to the righteous. I think we have officers appointed and liberally paid, whose duty it is to see that no poaching nor illegal obstructions are allowed to remain in this river during the time that such fish are passing up and down. But as it is one thing to have officers and have them amply paid, it is quite another thing to have them do their duty. It is certainly a soft job for those officials to pocket from thirty to one hundred and fifty dollars a year and never put themselves to very much trouble to investigate matters in connection with the fishery on this river; and report says that when they intend calling around they take the precaution to let their friends know when to expect them, that they may have their lamps trimmed and burning. As editors are generally opposed to long articles, I will close my remarks for the present, hoping that these dignitaries may take the hint. Yours,  
Gaspereau, May, 4th '85. A FISHERMAN.

## THE FRANCHISE.

The following is from the Montreal Gazette in reference to our member's speech on the Franchise Bill:

"The debate on the franchise bill was resumed this afternoon and continued throughout the day. There was only one speech calling for comment during the afternoon, that of Mr. Woodworth, whose contribution to the literature of party action upon the creation of a Dominion franchise was of more than ordinary interest. There are many tests by which to judge the effectiveness of a speech from the ministerial side, but, perhaps, none is better than its influence upon the leader of the opposition. When Mr. Blake's close attention can be secured the speaker from the other side of the house is assuredly making telling points. But to-day Mr. Woodworth accomplished much more than this, for not only was the leader of the opposition attentive to every word he uttered, but before he had proceeded far in his discourse Mr. Blake began to fidget in his chair, then grew surly, then sulky, and finally angry—so keen and cutting was the contrast drawn between the position of the liberal party to-day and that occupied by its leaders upon this same question of the creation of a Dominion franchise in the past. It was shown by Mr. Woodworth that till 1870, when a like measure was brought forward by Sir John Macdonald, the Globe favored a uniform franchise for Dominion representation and that the liberal party did not oppose the principle, and that in the confederation debates of 1865 Hon. Geo. Brown, then leader of his party, took it for granted, without cavil, that the Dominion parliament would regulate its own franchise. In fact, down to the present time, as Mr. Woodworth was able to establish by the utterances of the liberal Rights, there has never been any serious objection to its principles. The fathers of confederation, Howe, Cartier, Brown, Dunkin, and others, all agreed that a uniform franchise for the Dominion parliament should be established, and in the discussion of confederation there was no suggestion of the perpetual continuance of the provincial franchise made. The very fact, as Mr. Woodworth pointed out, that a special and specific power to produce a uniform franchise is given the federal parliament is, after all, the best evidence that no violation of the understanding of the basis of union is made in the measure now before the house. Mr. Davies, now a prominent member of the opposition, was placed hors de combat by Mr. Woodworth when he quoted from a letter written by that gentleman a few years ago in favor of an assimilated franchise for the house of commons, the country over, and yet in the face of that expression of cool opinion, Mr. Davies the other night cast his vote in favor of the continuance of the existing anomalous system of provincial suffrage. Another point of Mr. Woodworth at once caught the ear of the house, that in which he instanced the attempt of the Mackenzie government in 1874 to disfranchise one-third of the electors of Prince Edward Island, an attempt happily buried by the senate. But the sting of this historical reference to the conduct of the liberals in office is found in the fact that to-day they are insisting upon the regulation of the franchise for the Dominion parliament, being left absolutely to the provinces, while then they endeavored to interfere with local action and to cut off one-third of the electors, utterly regardless of the provincial action altogether. Mr. Woodworth made a fine impression on the house."

The adulteration of condition powders has got to such a pitch that one can now buy a pound pack of dust and ashes for 25 cents. There is only one kind now known that are strictly pure, and those are Sheridan's Cavalry Powders. Small packs, 25c; large cans, \$1.00.

# THE BOOKSTORE

Eagles' Building, Wolfville, April 21st 1885

Dear Fellow Citizens and Citizenesses:  
Ahem! Hear ye we while we assert the most unpalatable truths. We have combed our hair and performed our ablutions, and now appear before you clothed and in the last suit we possess. But, in spite of all these great natural advantages, we have determined to be great public benefactors.  
Owing to the war in Egypt, the impending war with Russia, and the North-Western Rebellion, and the fact that we are only by called out for a few minutes to defend our beloved Country, and possibly to be numbered among the missing, with the missing mother but never found among the slain, Now to Joe!" We have determined to sacrifice all our Magnificent Stock of English Room Paper at Less than Cost.  
Our ladies of this beautiful County of Kings be advised, that in view of the season, that we are selling the same paper for 10 cents that is sold elsewhere for 15, and it is full width too. Our other papers are marked down to like proportions. We are selling American Gilt Papers (19 inches wide) at 50 cents and every one else charges 65.  
Why? do you ask. Well, we must reduce our stock and are determined to do it at any cost.  
Come early and often. The trouble has commenced and people are already scrambling for our papers. Don't bring the children this time for you will need to devote all your attention to the large lot of patterns, numbering over One Hundred in all.  
We want you all to have first choice, and if you come at once you will get it. Beware of cheap imitations and have none but the genuine.  
We are not remarkable for the good looks of either ourselves or our staff, but we have a good rat trap and the neatest display of everything in our line to be found in this county. And our Room Paper, Oh, my! —But do come and buy it.

Yours till death,  
**WESTERN BOOK & NEWS CO.**  
A. M. HOARE, MANAGER.

P. S.—A nice wife and family, in good repair, will be taken in exchange for Room Paper.

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To our Customers in Wolfville and elsewhere.  
We have not had time to paint our Store, whitewash the hitching post, or straighten up our wood pile this spring, but we have cleaned up the old paint, washed the windows, and are selling that unsightly pile of wood as quickly as we possibly can.  
What has kept us so busy? Why we have been selecting, receiving and putting in shape one of the finest stocks of Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes, and Furniture, etc. that we have ever had the pleasure of showing in this part before.  
We are a good deal like the proverbial sanged cat, better than we look, and don't try to look better than we are.  
We now ask you to come in and see for yourselves that we can back up what we advertise.

## Seasonable Dry Goods,

In Dress Goods we have a splendid variety of shades in the following fabrics:—Ottomans, Nun's Cloths (plain and fancy), Serges, Satens (plain and fancy), Galateas, Peques, etc.

## House Furnishings

LACE CURTAINS, LAMBREQUINS, BORDERS, CRETONNES, DAMASKS, TABLE LINENS, NAPKINS, TOWELS, &c.

## DOMESTICS

GREY and WHITE COTTONS, PRINTS, SHIRTINGS, SHEETINGS, HESSIAN, OSNABURG &c.

## Cents' Furnishings

READY MADE CLOTHING, HATS & CAPS, SHIRTS, COLLARS, TIES, ETC.

## BOOTS & SHOES

WE HAVE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THIS DEPARTMENT AND HAVE A FULL ASSORTMENT.

## FURNITURE and CARPETS

Just come and see the improvements we have been making in our Furniture Store. Nothing stale or old to be seen, everything fresh and sparkling.

Come and see for yourselves and if you buy

**WE CAN SAVE YOU SOMETHING!**  
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